

MILITIA CALLED.

Eight Additional Regiments Have Been Ordered Out by England.

Since Gen. Joubert's Return to the Front Cannonading at Ladysmith is More Lively Than Usual.

Sterkstroom, Cape Colony, Jan. 4.—The Boers attacked Moltana early Wednesday. The action is now proceeding.

Moltana is about twenty miles north of Sterkstroom, where Gen. Gatacre has made his headquarters since his defeat at Stormberg. Its situation at the junction of the East London line and a branch road connecting this with the Port Elizabeth line gives it strategic importance. Gatacre left a garrison at Moltana, which could be easily reinforced.

Sterkstroom, Jan. 2.—Gen. Gatacre today met the invading forces at Cyphergat, near the British advance camp at Bushmanshoek. The Boers retired hurriedly shortly after the British artillery opened fire. The enemy occupied Moltana and Cyphergat to-day but the latter place is now reoccupied by us.

Nauwpoort, Jan. 4.—There was brisk fighting Wednesday in the hills around Colesburg. The Boers stubbornly resisted the British at every point, but gradually retreated. The British held the extreme position to the south and east, overlooking the town.

Cape Colony, Jan. 4.—The hills around Colesburg are numerous, not in ranges but in groups, making it very difficult to hunt the Boers out. Sixteen wounded have arrived at Arundel.

London, Jan. 4.—There is a complete absence of anything new from the seat of war.

The report of the Boer attack on Moltana is not yet confirmed. Apparently Gen. French holds nothing within five miles of Colesburg junction. His request for reinforcements displays any present hope that he will be able to seize one of the crossings of the Orange river. It is probable that when Lord Roberts arrives Gen. French will be ordered to quit his present unsupported position and to concentrate his command at De Aar or Orange River. As the Daily Telegraph says, Gen. French "seems to be in the position of a man having a tiger cat in a trap and unable to kill it for want of a stick."

A dispatch from Dover Farm announces that Lieut. Col. Pilcher has returned there safely from Douglas. Since Commandant Gen. Joubert's return to the front the cannonading of Ladysmith by the Boers has been much livelier. Between December 18 and 29 four shells killed one officer and 13 men and wounded 13 officers and 11 men.

The war office acknowledges the inferiority of the regular artillery by authorizing the equipment of the new battery attached to the London volunteer corps with Vickers and Maxim, some of which the Boers use, and by ordering 100 of these 12½-pounder quick fire guns built immediately. The officers and men of the new battery will be supplied from the Honorable artillery company.

Eight additional militia regiments have been called out. Seven of these will serve in Ireland, replacing the regulars sent to South Africa.

Hon. Sidney Robert Greville, equerry to the Prince of Wales, has obtained the prince's permission to go to the front.

Recently he has been acting as Lord Salisbury's secretary instead of Schomburg McDonnell, who has gone to South Africa.

Among the announcements of those who volunteered Tuesday appear the names of a hundred or more sons of gentlemen.

The papers comment upon the fact that in view of the state of public opinion, it is much easier to go to war than to stay at the clubs, which wear a particularly deserted aspect.

All parts of England Scotland report lively volunteering, a leading feature being the great sums raised by private subscription for volunteer equipment. Some of the counties have given sums as high as £30,000. It is computed that the volunteers have already raised nearly £600,000, while London is raising £120,000 for the city troops.

Frere Camp, Jan. 3.—Capt. Thorneycroft's patrol found the enemy in some force at the little Tugela bridge. Their presence was discovered by scouts. It is reported that five men and a lieutenant of the party have not returned.

Ex-Adj. Marsh to Return.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 4.—Telegrams were received Wednesday from Arthur Marsh, ex-adjutant of the Michigan and chairman of the republican state committee, stating that he was about to leave Brockport, N. Y., for Lansing to plead to the indictment found against him in connection with the alleged military state clothing. Nothing has been learned yet as to Gen. White's whereabouts.

Minnesota Bank Fails.

Wabasha, Minn., Jan. 4.—The Peoples bank, of this place, closed its doors Wednesday morning, and is now in the hands of the bank examiner. Depositors, it is claimed, will lose nothing. No statement of assets and liabilities has been given out.

Six Hundred Lives Lost.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—The latest reports from Acl-alkaia, in the government of Tiflis, show that 600 lives were lost during the earthquakes which visited that district on Monday.

PORTO RICAN LAWS.

Foraker Introduces a Plan for the Better Government of the Island.—Gage's Banking Plan.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Representative Culver, of New York, offered a resolution in the house Wednesday calling upon Secretary of the Treasury Gage to furnish the house with all letters, agreements, papers, or documents between the treasury department and the National city bank, of New York, since the fourth day of March, 1897, relating to the depositing of public funds in said bank. The resolution was referred to the committee on ways and means.

Information is also wanted as to the amount of public money deposited with said banks by the government and for what length of time and return thereon, and whether said banks have paid the government any interest on said deposits, and how much.

Senator Foraker Wednesday introduced a bill providing a form of government for the island of Porto Rico. The bill provides for the continuance of the law and municipal ordinances now in force in the island, until the legislature shall supplement them. The president is empowered to appoint a governor and supreme court, to have charge of the island, and also seven heads of departments to have charge of the various interests of the government and also five native citizens, who, together with the governor and heads of departments, are to constitute the upper branch of insular legislature. A lower house of 35 members, to be elected by citizens, is also provided, and all inhabitants of the island are made citizens of the United States, and are also to elect a delegate to congress. The island is to be divided into five districts for judicial and legislative purposes, and each district is to have a local court, to consist of such a number of judges as the legislature may provide for.

The constitution and laws of the United States are extended to the island and so far as the latter are locally applicable. Export duties are prohibited, and free trade is provided for between the island and the United States proper. Articles imported into Porto Rico from other countries than the United States are to pay the same duties as those imposed in the ports of this country.

The money thus collected is to go into the island treasury, but money realized from the internal revenue collection is to be covered into the national treasury of the United States.

SCARE AT MANILA.

The Dreaded Bubonic Plague Has Appeared in the Philippines—Three Cases Reported.

Manila, Jan. 4.—The health officers have found a native with all the symptoms of bubonic plague in a house in the walled city, where two suspicious deaths have occurred. The patient has been isolated, and every precaution has been taken to prevent a spread of the disease.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The war department is making steps to prevent the introduction of the plague in the Philippines, and Secretary Root Wednesday morning called into consultation Surgeon General Wyman, of the marine hospital service, to discuss the establishment of a quarantine system for the islands. It was decided that the war department should adopt towards the Philippines a policy like that pursued towards Cuba in the matter of the protection of health, namely, confine the maintenance of a quarantine system to the marine hospital service. The report received by both the state department and by Surgeon General Wyman from Honolulu confirm the press dispatches relative to the existence of the disease. It happens fortunately that the marine hospital service has already two quarantine points in the Philippines, while two of its surgeons are now on their way to Manila, so that little delay will be encountered in beginning to draw rigid quarantine line in the islands.

Surgeon General Wyman does not feel apprehensive as to the possibility of the infection of San Francisco from Honolulu.

Hanna Will Not Be Chairman.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 4.—Senator Hanna declared Wednesday that although he had been urged to stand for the permanent chairmanship of the next republican national convention he would not do so. "There are other men," he said, "who are more ambitious than I and who value that honor more than I do. I will give way to them." He also declared that he will not be one of the delegates at large from Ohio in the convention.

Reformed Spelling Adopted.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—The University of Chicago will use and advocate the new spelling. By a vote of 20 to 16 the university congregation placed itself on record Wednesday as favoring the use of the reformed spelling adopted by the National Education association. The vote implies the use of the reform spelling in a number of magazines and papers issued under the auspices of the university.

Death of Wm. H. Putnam.

New York, Jan. 4.—William H. Putnam, the undertaker who conducted the funeral of Henry Clay at Washington and Ashland, Ky., and Daniel Webster at Marshfield, Mass., is dead at his home in this city, aged 81 years. He was a lineal descendant of Gen. Israel Putnam, the revolutionary hero.

McLaurin for Senator.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 4.—The democratic caucus here unanimously nominated ex-Gov. A. J. McLaurin for the long term United States senatorship.

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